

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
WATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

Mayor Eder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Eder, Tootz Tschumperlin, Brenda Carlson, Sue Unterberger, Marc Wirz

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the Consent Agenda: minutes of the May 11, 2017 regular meeting, May 2017 financial report, Resolution #2017-18, Resolution Accepting Donations, delinquent water bills for shut off.

Public Forum – nothing

MOTION BY CARLSON TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE AMBULANCE BILLS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY WIRZ. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, NICK KOLTES AND TINA LOFF, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Ambulance Assistant Chief, Jeff Hilsgen, informed the Council that they were increasing the Relief Association Retirement amount from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per year. Council members questioned if this increase needed to be approved by the Council and Hilsgen stated he did not think it needed to be since it comes out of their funds and this was just an FYI for the Council. Council member Wirz noted that the Fire Relief Association Retirement needs to be approved by the City Council as the City is liable for any shortfalls in the fund.

Ben Adamich with Geronimo Energy presented a proposal for up to a 1 megawatt solar garden in Forest Prairie Township. Meeker County will be holding a public hearing later this year with construction beginning next year.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2017-19, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S REPORT, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Regarding the property at 261 Central Ave. S., the Council felt that progress is being made and monitoring of the situation should continue.

Discussion of the ownership of the streets in the mobile home park resulted in needing more documentation and/or legal clarification of ownership to know who will be assessed any costs of upgrades.

MOTION BY TSCHUMPERLIN TO TABLE DISCUSSION OF THE SPEED BUMPS NEAR THE MOBILE HOME PARK UNTIL CLEAR OWNERSHIP IS ESTABLISHED OF THE STREETS, SECONDED BY UNTERBERGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Decision to drop the restitution charges against the individual who did damage to the McCarthy Park area was made, however, the decision was made to pursue the criminal charges.

MOTION BY UNTERBERGER TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY CARLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool Manager, Ashlee Lundberg, informed the Council that she received a donation of \$500.00 from the Legion Club to be used for items needed at the pool, such as picnic tables. She will check with Faber Building if they will build some picnic tables. Ertl Hardware Hank offered the pool a discount on a box of noodles for the pool.

Lundberg also stated that the time clock has stopped working and would like a new one ordered. She asked for clarification if the reimbursement of \$40.00 for one new swim suit for the lifeguards was the set amount and Council stated it was but to check the policy on it. Also mentioned that lifeguards should all have red tee shirts so they can be noticed readily. Lundberg also presented a sample tote bag that the pool may use for a fund raising project. Members thought it would be a good idea but that she should write up a proposal for the project.

Lundberg stated that Red Cross recommends that the pool should have an AED unit at the pool. She should check with the school and the ambulance regarding

The Chamber members will once again be offering three (3) free pool days, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lundberg also informed the Council that next year she will be certified to teach CPR so she will train the pool workers.

Discussion about having a credit card machine available at the pool.

There were several instances where that was a lot of unnecessary chatter/comments from persons present which made it difficult for the assistant city clerk to discern items of importance.

MOTION BY CARLSON TO PURCHASE A NEW TIME CLOCK FOR THE POOL, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Director informed the Council that a couple boilers need to be replaced at the pool. The irrigators are working great after the replacement of parts. Seal coating went well and is complete. The reservoir building roof has been completed also. Pumps at the lift station are being worked on and should be completed in the next several weeks.

A Gypsy Moth Trap will be placed in McCarthy Park.

Carlson informed the Council about a concerned citizen having problems with sewage backing up into their house. She wanted clarification as to where the line is for City responsibility and homeowner responsibility. Public Works Director stated that the City line is at the Y in the middle of the street, up to that point is the homeowner responsibility. Homeowner will have to fix the problem up to the Y in the middle of the street.

Ambulance Chief, Bonnie Holthaus, asked if something couldn't be done about the fish guts being put into the dumpster by their squad room entrance and the foul odors coming from it. Public Works Director will check on getting a lock put on it by the garbage hauler.

Mayor Eder suggested giving a thank you to Jean Reinert for putting out the flower pots on Central Avenue.

Next regular meeting is July 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.

MOTION BY WIRZ TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY TSCHUMPERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attested by:

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Jeanette Neidhardt  
Assistant City Clerk

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Frank Eder, Mayor